

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A method of parsing an input text segment according to a left-corner chart parsing technique which populates a chart according to a ~~plurality~~ set of productions, the method comprising:

receiving the input text segment;

generating proposed incomplete edges, with mothers and predictions, based on the set of productions and based on the input text segment;

for each proposed incomplete edge:

performing a bottom-up left-corner check on the prediction of the proposed incomplete edge; and

if the bottom-up left-corner check on the prediction of the proposed incomplete edge is successful, performing a top-down left-corner check on the mother of the proposed incomplete edge, otherwise, ~~not adding~~ omitting the proposed incomplete edge ~~to~~ from the chart.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 and further comprising:

if the proposed incomplete edge passes both the bottom-up left-corner check on the prediction of the proposed incomplete edge and the top-down left-corner check on the mother of the proposed incomplete edge, populating the chart with the proposed incomplete edge.

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein performing the bottom-up left-corner check on the prediction of the proposed incomplete edge comprises:

for every complete edge of the form $\langle X, k, j \rangle$ in the chart and every production with X as its left-most daughter, of the form $A \rightarrow XY\alpha$, determining whether the q_{j+1}^{st} terminal input symbol, a_{j+1} , is a left corner of Y , wherein $\langle X, k, j \rangle$

represents a terminal or nonterminal which begins at a k th position in the input text segment and ends at the j th position in the input text segment, Y represents a terminal or nonterminal, α represents a sequence of terminals or nonterminals, and A represents a category which is the mother of the production.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein determining whether the $j+1^{\text{st}}$ terminal input symbol, a_{j+1} , is a left corner of Y , comprises:

examining a left-corner table to determine whether it contains a pair of values including the $j+1^{\text{st}}$ terminal input and the left corner of prediction Y .

5. (Amended) The method of claim 4 wherein, if the left-corner table includes the pair, concluding that the bottom-up left-corner check on the prediction is ~~satisfied~~successful, and if not, concluding that the bottom-up left-corner check on the prediction is not ~~satisfied~~successful.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein performing the top-down left-corner check on the mother of the proposed incomplete edge comprises:

for every complete edge of the form $\langle X, k, j \rangle$ in the chart and every production with X as its left-most daughter, of the form $A \rightarrow XY\alpha$, determining whether there is a B which is an element of P_k , such that A is a left corner of B , wherein B represents a category and P_k represents a set of predictions of incomplete edges in the chart ending at position k in the input text segment, wherein the prediction of an incomplete edge is a first as yet unmatched symbol of the incomplete edge.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein determining whether there is a B which is an element of P_k , such that A is a left-corner of B , comprises:

examining a left-corner table to determine whether it indicates that A is a left corner of B .

8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein, if the left-corner table indicates that A is a left corner of B , adding the proposed incomplete edge to the chart, otherwise, not adding the proposed incomplete edge to the chart.

9. (Amended) A left-corner chart parser configured to populate a chart according to productions by performing the steps of:

receiving the input text segment;

generating proposed incomplete edges, with mothers and predictions, based on ~~the~~ a set of productions and based on the input text segment;

for each proposed incomplete edge:

performing a bottom-up left-corner check on the prediction of the proposed incomplete edge; and

if the bottom-up left-corner check on the prediction of the proposed incomplete edge is successful, performing a top-down left-corner check on the mother of the proposed incomplete edge, otherwise, not adding the proposed incomplete edge to the chart.

10. (Amended) A computer readable medium containing instructions which, when executed, cause the computer to parse an input text segment according to a left-corner chart parsing method which populates a chart according to a plurality of productions, the method comprising:

receiving the input text segment;
generating proposed incomplete edges, with mothers and
predictions, based on the ~~set~~plurality of
productions and based on the input text segment;
for each proposed incomplete edge:
performing a bottom-up left-corner check on the
prediction of the proposed incomplete edge; and
if the bottom-up left-corner check on the prediction of
the proposed incomplete edge is successful,
performing a top-down left-corner check on the
mother of the proposed incomplete edge,
otherwise, not adding the proposed incomplete
edge to the chart.

11. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 10 and
further comprising:

if the proposed incomplete edge passes both the bottom-up left-
corner check on the prediction of the proposed incomplete
edge and the top-down left-corner check on the mother of
the proposed incomplete edge, populating the chart with
the proposed incomplete edge.

12. (Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 10 wherein
performing the bottom-up left-corner check on the prediction of the
proposed incomplete edge comprises:

for every complete edge of the form $\langle X, k, j \rangle$ in the chart and
every production with X as its left-most daughter, of the
form $A \rightarrow XY\alpha$, determining whether ~~the~~a _{$j+1$} st terminal
input symbol, a_{j+1} , is a left corner of Y , wherein $\langle X, k, j \rangle$
represents a terminal or nonterminal which begins at a
 k th position in the input text segment and ends at ~~the~~a
 j th position in the input text segment, Y represents a

terminal or nonterminal, α represents a sequence of terminals or nonterminals, and A represents a category which is the mother of the production.

13. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 12 wherein determining whether the $j+1^{\text{st}}$ terminal input symbol, a_{j+1} , is a left corner of Y , comprises:

examining a left-corner table to determine whether it contains a pair of values including the $j+1^{\text{st}}$ terminal input and the left corner of prediction Y .

14. (Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 13 wherein, if the left-corner table includes the pair, concluding that the bottom-up left-corner check on the prediction is ~~satisfied~~successful, and if not, concluding that the bottom-up left-corner check on the prediction is not ~~satisfied~~successful.

15. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 10 wherein performing the top-down left-corner check on the mother of the proposed incomplete edge comprises:

for every complete edge of the form $\langle X, k, j \rangle$ in the chart and every production with X as its left-most daughter, of the form $A \rightarrow XY\alpha$, determining whether there is a B which is an element of P_k , such that A is a left corner of B , wherein B represents a category and P_k represents a set of predictions of incomplete edges in the chart ending at position k in the input text segment, wherein the prediction of an incomplete edge is a first as yet unmatched symbol of the incomplete edge.

16. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 15 wherein determining whether there is a B which is an element of P_k , such

that *A* is a left-corner of *B*, comprises:

examining a left-corner table to determine whether it indicates
that *A* is a left corner of *B*.

17. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 16 wherein, if
the left-corner table indicates that *A* is a left corner of *B*, adding
the proposed incomplete edge to the chart, otherwise, not adding the
proposed incomplete edge to the chart.

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